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To the Chairman & Members of the Maesteg Urban District
Council

Gentlemen and Mrs. Gibbs,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Public Health of the District for the year 1965.

The estimated mid-year population decreased by 80. Although this is only a small decrease it indicates that a population drift from the valley continues. Great efforts will be needed to encourage new industries and further house building in the area if a balanced virile community is to be maintained.

The Birth Rate in the area has been fairly steady over the past five years, at between 16.4 and 17.6 per 1,000 population but this is consistently lower than the national average by some 0.1%. It is encouraging to note that there were only five infant deaths under one year during 1965, three of which occurred during the first week of life. These figures give rates well below those recorded for England and Wales. They suggest that antenatal and postnatal care in the Area has been adequate. Compared with other districts Maesteg has a distinct advantage in possessing a local Maternity Unit which is able to accept the majority of confinements under the care of the local general practitioners.

Tuberculosis accounted for only one death in a male aged 75+ years, but cancer of the lung and bronchus showed a considerable increase. Ten men and two women died from this cause; aged from 35 years upwards. The main cause of death was again coronary disease accounting for 27 deaths under retirement age. The causes of coronary disease are undoubtedly complex, but smoking, overeating and lack of sufficient exercise probably contribute a considerable amount to this loss of life in an economically important section of the population.

At the end of 1965 there were 315 applicants for rehousing in the District; 124 of these were registered in 1965. Many people are living under unsatisfactory conditions. The problem of shared accommodation, young couples living with parents is still acute. Shared accommodation is fair to neither party, the young people and their children live under restraint from the older generation and parents, having brought up their own families, should be allowed to live out their later years in peace. Many houses are substandard in several criteria of 'fitness'. Some are over 100 years old and cannot be improved economically. Others are structurally unsound and unfit for human habitation. A programme of clearance and redevelopment would overcome many of the problems of rehousing. In any group of old property, elderly people are from 25 - 30% of the tenants. These old people are often averse to separation from their neighbours and reluctant to move into suburban housing estates. Also there is the added inconvenience and expense in reaching the town from outlying estates. There are definite advantages in clearing and developing small sites within the older residential areas. Much may be said also in favour of the purchase for improvement of older properties. These may usually be let at a more economic rental than new houses and are ideally useful for families with a low standard of living.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, came into force on the 1st May, 1964. It is a welcome advance on previous legislation, and will safeguard the health and safety of those who work in shops and offices.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Health Committee and the Member of the Council for their support and encouragement, the Officers of the other departments for their help and cooperation, and lastly the staff of the Health Department for their enthusiasm and loyalty.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. P. EVANS.

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Population (Mid-Year 1965) estimated by Registrar General	...	...	21,510
Population (Census 1961)	...	...	21,680
Area in acres	...	...	6,709
Number of households as of 1961	...	...	6,254
Density of Population, % persons at more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ per room	...	...	4.4
Comparable figure for Glamorgan	...	...	4.1
Rateable Value as of 31st December, 1965	...	...	£401,490
Sum Represented by Penny Rate	...	...	£1,589

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT FOR 1965 AND
PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Population	BIRTHS		TOTAL DEATHS			
		Number	Rate per 1000 Population	Under 1 year		At all ages	
				Number	Rate per 1000 Population	Number	Rate per 1000 Population
1956	22,660	359	15.9	9	24.13	232	10.2
1957	22,640	357	15.8	11	30.14	271	11.9
1958	22,720	279	16.7	12	31.09	243	10.7
1959	22,610	343	15.2	13	37.25	286	12.6
1960	22,510	308	13.7	7	21.94	243	10.8
1961	21,680	370	17.1	3	13.19	278	12.8
1962	21,710	383	17.6	7	17.68	249	11.5
1963	21,790	378	17.3	10	25.77	271	12.4
1964	21,590	355	16.4	17	45.9	215	9.9
1965	21,510	371	17.25	5	13.48	258	11.99

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, 1965

BIRTHS

Livebirths:- Legitimate - 199 males; 162 females - Total - 361
Illegitimate - 6 males; 4 females - Total - 10
Total Births (legitimate and illegitimate) - 371
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population - 17.25
(1964 - 16.44)
Crude Birth Rate, England and Wales - 18.00
Illegitimate Births as percentage Total Live Births - 2.8

Stillbirths:- Legitimate - 4 males; 4 females - Total - 8
Illegitimate - 0 males; 0 females
Total Stillbirths - 8
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths - 21.1
(1964 - 26.3)
Stillbirth Rate, England and Wales - 26.90
Total Births - Live and Stillbirths - 379
(1964 - 380)

DEATHS

Total:- Males - 137; Females - 121 - Total 258
(1964 - 215)
Death Rate per 1,000 population - 11.99
(1964 - 9.95)
Adjusted Death Rate - 14.27
(1964 - 12.34)
Crude Death Rate; England and Wales - 11.50

Infant Deaths:- (under 1 year)
Legitimate - 3 males; 2 females
Illegitimate - 0 males; 0 females
Total Infant Deaths - 5
(1964 - 17)
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 live births - 13.48
(1964 - 45.9)
Infant Death Rate, England & Wales/1,000 live births 19.00

Neonatal Deaths - (under 4 weeks)

Legitimate - 3 males; 1 female - Total - 4

Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births - 10.78
(1964 - 37.9)

Early Neonatal Deaths - (under 1 week)

Legitimate - 2 males; 1 female - Total - 3
(1964 - 13)

Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births - 8.09
(1964 - 35.1)

Perinatal Deaths - (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week)

Legitimate - 6 males; 5 females - Total - 11
(1964 - 23)

Rate per 1,000 Live and stillbirths - 29.02
(1964 - 60.5)

Perinatal Rate, England and Wales - 26.90

Naternal Mortality :-

Number of deaths - nil.

"Crude" and "Adjusted" Rates

The tables of vital statistics show "adjusted" as well as "crude" birth and death rates. Rates of births and deaths can be considerably affected by the age, and to a slighter extent, by the sex constitution of the population concerned. The "crude" rates are, therefore, unsatisfactory as a measure for comparison of the birth and death rates. Some form of standardisation is therefore necessary to make allowance for the age and sex composition of the population.

Estimated Population 1965	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INF'T MORTALITY		PERI-NATAL MORTALITY	
	Number of Births	Rate per 1,000 population		Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 population	Deaths under 1 year	Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Still- births & deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live & still- births
		Crude	Adjusted						
England & Wales	864,000	18.00	-	549,320	11.50	16,414	19.00	23,606	26.90
Administ. County	13,178	17.31	17.66	9,152	12.02	274	20.79	402	29.94
Urban Districts	9,072	17.23	17.75	6,540	12.42	203	22.38	295	31.89
Rural Districts	4,106	17.49	17.66	2,612	11.14	71	17.29	107	25.63
<u>Const. Districts:-</u>									
Aberdare Urban	663	17.04	18.57	597	15.35	19	28.66	21	31.25
Mount'n Ash Urban	486	16.54	16.54	370	12.59	15	30.86	12	24.34
Caerphilly Urban	768	20.65	20.24	415	11.16	15	19.53	29	36.66
Gelligaer Urban	690	19.67	19.67	416	11.86	14	20.29	21	29.37
Bridgend Urban	235	15.49	15.95	181	11.93	6	25.53	6	25.10
Maesteg Urban	371	17.25	17.94	258	11.99	5	13.48	11	29.02
Ogmore/Garw Urban	337	16.20	16.69	248	11.92	10	29.67	11	32.26
Porthcawl Urban	221	18.10	20.27	142	11.63	3	13.57	6	26.79
Penybont Rural	946	20.80	19.97	543	11.94	19	20.08	22	22.92
Neath M.B.	456	15.00	15.60	383	12.60	13	28.51	13	28.14
Neath Rural	674	16.49	17.15	485	11.87	15	22.26	24	34.88
Llantrisant Rural	595	20.77	19.73	271	9.46	10	16.81	18	29.61
Pontypridd Urban	588	16.72	17.05	451	12.82	9	15.31	19	31.67
Glyncorrwg Urban	201	21.14	20.51	112	11.78	9	44.78	13	61.90
Port Talbot M.B.	892	17.22	17.05	525	10.13	20	22.42	26	28.70
Barry M.B.	762	17.92	18.46	467	10.98	12	15.75	22	28.35
Cardiff Rural	816	15.28	14.82	592	11.08	11	13.48	17	20.61
Cowbridge M.B.	18	16.07	16.23	7	6.25	-	-	-	-
Cowbridge Rural	405	18.77	20.08	160	7.41	5	12.35	5	12.25
Penarth Urban	382	17.56	18.96	271	12.46	6	15.71	12	30.69
Gower Rural	253	17.45	18.85	158	10.90	5	19.76	7	27.24
Llchwyr Urban	411	16.15	17.28	314	12.34	8	19.46	13	31.03
Pontardawe Rural	417	13.78	15.57	403	13.31	6	14.39	14	32.63
Rhondda M.B.	1,591	16.15	16.63	1,383	14.04	39	24.51	60	36.88

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1965

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
1. TUBERCULOSIS, RESPIRATORY	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. OTHER INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, STOMACH	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
11. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
12. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
13. MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, UTERUS	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
14. OTHER MALIGNANT AND LYMPHATIC NEOPLASMS	M	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	2	2
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	3
16. DIABETES	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
17. VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	4
	F	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	10	8
18. CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA	M	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	15	6	4
	F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	9	7
19. HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
20. OTHER HEART DISEASE	M	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	1	11
	F	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	4	18
21. OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASE	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
23. PNEUMONIA	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
24. BRONCHITIS	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	7	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
25. OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total	Under	4 weeks	AGES IN YEARS								
		All ages	4 weeks	and under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
26. ULCER OF STOMACH AND DUODENUM	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27. GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS AND DIARRHOEA	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
28. NEPHRITIS AND NEPHROSIS	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
31. CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS	M	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32. OTHER DEFINED AND ILL-DEFINED DISEASES	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
	F	8	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	-	1
33. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	M	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	137	3	-	-	2	1	-	6	7	43	38	37
	F	121	1	1	-	-	-	1	4	10	20	30	54

INFANT DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1965

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Sex.</u>	<u>Age.</u>	<u>Cause.</u>
20.3.65.	M	2 weeks	1a. Congenital Heart Disease. b. Complete transposition of great vessels.
21.3.65.	F	14 hours	1a. Rh. incompatibility.
15.6.65.	M	1 day	1a. Aortic Stenosis and Hypoplasia of the left ventricle.
22.8.65.	F	10 months	1a. Cirrhosis of Liver.
28.11.65.	M	24 hours	1a. Congenital Heart Disease.

STILLBIRTHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1965

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Sex.</u>	<u>Cause.</u>
26.4.65.	M	1a. Asphyxia Neonatorum. b. Cord around neck.
13.5.65.	M	1a. Intra Uterine anoxia. b. Accidental (Convalia) haemorrhage.
17.5.65.	M	1a. Ante Partum haemorrhage.
18.5.65.	F	1a. Obstructed Labour. b. Foetal Ascites.
13.7.65.	M	1a. Neonatal asphyxia. b. Strangulation by umbilical cord.
22.9.65.	F	1a. Macerated Foetus.
18.12.65.	F	1a. Intra Uterine asphyxia. b. Concealed accidental haemorrhage.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
Maesteg Urban District

The following Table gives the number of cases of infectious diseases originally notified during 1965 and the final number after corrections subsequently made, either by the notifying medical practitioner or medical superintendent of the infectious disease hospitals. A column is also given shewing the number of deaths from certain infectious diseases during the year.

DISEASES	ORIGINALLY NOTIFIED		AFTER FINAL CORRECTION		TOTAL FOR 1965 AFTER FINAL CORRECTION	NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 1965	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females
SCARLET FEVER	8	8	8	8	16	-	-
MEASLES	49	47	49	47	96	-	-
DYSENTERY	2	1	2	1	3	-	-
ERYSIPELAS	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
TUBERCULOSIS, PULMONARY	8	5	8	5	13	1	-
TUBERCULOSIS, OTHER	-	1	-	1	1	1	-
ACUTE PNEUMONIA	3	0	3	0	3	3	2

CANCER

Deaths from CANCER (all forms) in District in 1965

Males - 24; Females - 25; Total - 49

Death Rate from Cancer (all forms) per 1,000 population - 2.28

Deaths from LUNG CANCER in 1965 - 10 males; 2 females; Total 12

Death Rate from Cancer of Lung per 1,000 population - 0.56

CANCER DEATH RATES IN 1965 AND PREVIOUS YEARS

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Cancer of lung	0.56	0.14	0.14	0.41	0.46	0.09	0.22	0.35	0.22
Cancer (all forms)	.28	1.53	1.29	1.70	2.12	2.04	1.94	1.80	2.30

There was an increase in the number of deaths from cancer of all forms from 33 in 1964 to 49 in 1965.

The number of deaths from cancer of the lung and bronchus in 1965 was 12.

TUBERCULOSIS
Maesteg Urban District

In the course of the year, the number of notifications of Tuberculosis (Pulmonary and Other Forms) received, was 16. This figure shows an increase of 3 on the previous year.

The number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year was 7 males and 6 females.

There was one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The person had been notified previously as suffering from Tuberculosis during life-time.

There were no deaths from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Distribution of notifications and deaths is as follows :-

<u>Ward</u>	<u>NOTIFICATION</u>		<u>DEATHS</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Caerau	2	2	0	0
Nantyffyllon	0	0	0	0
East	7	0	0	0
West	5	0	1	0
	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 0

At the end of the year, after death removals, cures, changes in diagnosis and transfers had been adjusted, there were 118 cases on the Department's register, made up as follows :-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Males	70	4
Females	38	7
	<hr/> 108	<hr/> 10

(This is a drop of 21 on last year)

The following tables give the number of notifications received for the period 1955 - 1965 (inclusive) :-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis :

<u>Year</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1955	5	12	17
1956	18	7	25
1957	13	12	25
1958	9	6	15
1959	13	7	20
1960	5	5	10
1961	11	2	13
1962	3	2	5
1963	5	2	7
1964	8	4	12
1965	8	6	14

Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis

<u>Year</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1955	2	0	2
1956	0	0	0
1957	1	3	4
1958	2	0	2
1959	3	1	4
1960	1	2	3
1961	1	0	1
1962	0	0	0
1963	0	0	0
1964	1	2	3
1965	0	2	2

No special provision is made by the Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis. This is left to the medical practitioner in attendance, who, either directly or through the Medical Officer of Health, obtains the assistance of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board. No action was taken by the Council for the removal of patients under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936, during the year 1965.

HEALTH SERVICES

The following health services are the responsibility of the Glamorgan County Council :-

1. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
2. Domiciliary Midwifery.
3. Health Visitors.
4. Vaccination and Immunisation.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Ambulance Services.
7. Prevention of Illness; Care and After-Care.
8. Domestic Help Service.
9. Duties connected with Mental Health.
10. Provision of Health Centres.

These services are administered through the Divisional Health Office, County Council Offices, Quarella Road, Bridgend, with the exception of Mental Health and the County Ambulance Service.

The hospitals of Mid-Glamorgan are administered by the Regional Hospital Board through the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital Management Committee at Neath.

(1)

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

The medical inspection of school-children and the holding of ophthalmic, dental, orthopaedic and speech therapy clinics, etc., is done by the County Council. The various age groups are examined periodically and from the school inspections referred to the various clinics if so required.

(2)

TUBERCULOSIS

Institutions are maintained by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board for the treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis. Owing to the fall off in numbers requiring observation for tuberculosis in the District, the clinic held by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board at Church Street, Maesteg was discontinued. Active treatment had not been undertaken at the Clinic for some years. Treatment and observation is now centralised at Bridgend.

(3)

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Officers of the National Assistance Board, stationed locally, have an office at the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Employment Exchange, Castle Street, Maesteg.

(4)

VACCINATION & IMMUNISATION

Vaccination and immunisation of children against Whooping Cough, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis is carried out by the County Council, and for further particulars enquiries should be made at the nearest clinic. These procedures are also carried out by general practitioners. B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is done at school for some children of about 13 years of age. A stock of request cards is kept at the Health Department for issue to members of the public who require themselves, or any member of members of their family, vaccinated against Poliomyelitis, provided they are not over 40 years. The latter may apply to their family doctor for vaccination. Any requests received from a person under the age of 21 years, must be accompanied by the authorisation signature of the parent or guardian. The card is then forwarded to the Divisional Medical Officer at Bridgend, who arranges an appointment at the Maternal & Child Welfare Clinic, Church Street, Maesteg.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH, DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS

An immunisation programme against these diseases starts with an injection at age three months followed by two further injections at monthly intervals. Booster injections are given at ages fifteen months and five years. Immunising is carried out in a special monthly clinic at Maesteg serving mainly the East and West Wards and part of Nantyllyllon Ward. At Caerau clinic immunisations are carried out during the course of the weekly clinic. The response to advice on the matter appears to be fairly good, some 69% of infants are protected during the first year of life. To achieve maximum protection in a community 80% at least of the infant population must be immunised against these diseases. Every effort is made continually by the local authority personnel to ensure that this figure is approximated.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

The National Scheme for vaccination against poliomyelitis began in 1956. It is now many years since a case of poliomyelitis was notified in the District although parents by no means make full use of the ease and convenience of vaccination. I have no means of recording the exact number of completed vaccinations against the disease in the Area but there is no reason to believe it higher than the National percentage of 65. The poliomyelitis vaccination campaign must be maintained in the vulnerable group of children. The aim of 85% vaccinated to give community protection. Parents are constantly reminded that vaccination is simple and harmless; oral vaccination on a lump of sugar or in syrup gives a high degree of protection. It is always difficult to convince parents of a danger with which they are unfamiliar. Parents are now too young to appreciate the scourge of the poliomyelitis virus and have become complacent. We continue to hope that persistent education will prevent them learning the dangers by personal experience.

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CLINICS & TREATMENT CENTRES

The County Council provides the following Clinics :-

1.	Ante-natal	...	Monday afternoons (fortnightly)	...	Maesteg.
2.	Child Welfare	...	Tuesday all day	...	Maesteg.
3.	Child Welfare	...	Wednesday all day	...	Caerau.
4.	Child Welfare	...	Thursday mornings (fortnightly)	...	Park Estate, Maesteg.
5.	Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation	...	Thursday mornings (monthly)	...	Maesteg.
6.	Birth Control	...	1st Wednesday afternoon (monthly)	...	Bridgend.
7.	Chiropody	...	Monday all day	...	Plasnewydd School, Maesteg.
8.	Chiropody	...	Wednesday all day	...	Caerau.
9.	Orthopaedic	...	Monthly	...	Plasnewydd School, Maesteg.
10.	Dental	...	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons	...	Plasnewydd School, Maesteg.
11.	Refraction	...	Tuesdays (monthly)	...	Plasnewydd School, Maesteg
12.	Speech Therapy	...	Friday all day	...	M & CW Clinic, Church Street, Maesteg.
13.	Poliomyelitis Immunisation	...	As required	...	Maesteg and Caerau.

The Regional Hospital Board provides :-

1. Clinics in the Maesteg General Hospital -

Medical	...	Monday mornings Tuesday afternoons (monthly)
Surgical	...	Wednesday mornings Thursday mornings
Gynaecological	...	Weekly (alternate Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons)
Ophthalmic	...	Wednesday afternoons
E.N.T.	...	Monday afternoons
Paediatrics	...	Thursday afternoons (monthly)
Radiology	...	Daily

2. Ante-natal Clinics for general practitioners in relation to the Maternity Services, General Hospital, held in the Maternal & Child Welfare Centre, Church Street, Maesteg.

3. Venereal Disease - V.D. Clinic, Opposite General Station, Port Talbot. Treatment is free and confidential.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - SECTION 176
POWER OF LOCAL AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF THE
PREVENTION & TREATMENT OF BLINDNESS

All arrangements under this section are undertaken by the Glamorgan County Council.

CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY
BODIES

The inspector of the local branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children maintains close co-operation with the Health Department. A number of cases of neglected, or ill-treated children, is investigated by the Inspector each year, sometimes at the request of the Department.

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Premises where cases of infectious disease occur are visited where this is thought essential. The taking of swabs and immunisation of all contacts, where applicable, is undertaken by the Medical Officer of Health. If removal to hospital is necessary, rooms are disinfected by the Department at the patient's home. When the patient is isolated at home, this is done on termination of the illness. Infected clothing, bedding, etc., are sometimes removed on request and dealt with by steam-disinfection at the Maesteg Isolation Hospital.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT,
1948
BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD

There were no burials arranged during the year.

INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS
TRAVELLERS ABROAD
CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

In accordance with the Regulations, some of these certificates are required to be stamped with an approved stamp at the Health Department in the district where the vaccination was performed. It therefore, does not necessarily take place in the district where the traveller is a resident. Most certificates dealt with at the Department are for vaccination against smallpox and cholera. Certificates of vaccination against such diseases as Yellow Fever are dealt with at the actual centre where the vaccination is performed.

The essential part of the certification is recognition of the signature shown as being that of a local practitioner performing the vaccination. Particular attention is also paid to the method of dating to avoid any unnecessary delay in travellers being allowed to land 'at the other end'.

These certificates are not to be obtained by travellers at the Health Department and it is not the responsibility of either the Medical Officer of Health or the Local Authority to provide them. A small stock is kept at the Department for emergency use only, as travel agencies usually supply them, also employers who are engaging people for work abroad. The traveller himself, can obtain them from the Ministry of Health direct if unable to get them elsewhere.

During the year 1965 the number of certificates stamped at the Health Department was 98.

SUMMARY OF VISITS UNDERTAKEN BY
THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR 1965

INSPECTIONS :-

Water Supply	.....	.....	.....	46
Drainage	.....	.....	.....	17
Public Conveniences	.....	.....	.....	36
Cinemas, etc.	.....	.....	.....	4
Refuse Collection & Disposal		.....	.....	70
Houses under the Public Health, Housing & Rents Act			.....	330
Overcrowding	.....	.....	.....	10
Verminous Premises	.....	.....	.....	190
Infectious Diseases	.....	.....	.....	10
Food Premises	.....	.....	.....	140
Dairies	.....	.....	.....	14
Ice-Cream Premises	.....	.....	.....	20
Slaughterhouse	.....	.....	.....	460
Fried Fish Shops	.....	.....	.....	15
Pet Animals Shop (Market Stall)		.....	.....	9

1,371

HOUSING

Total number of houses and flats owned by the Council in 1965 :-

- 902

Caerau - 212

East Ward - 292

West Ward - 398

Total number of houses and flats in District - 6,313

Caerau - 1,492

Nantyffyllon - 1,132

East Ward - 1,770

West Ward - 1,919

Estimated average number of persons per house in area - 3.46

Number of houses over 50 years old - 4,860

Number of houses under 50 years old - 1,429

Residences completed in 1965	-	Private	-	54 houses
		Council	-	50 houses

Council Houses under construction in 1965 - 74

Council contracts to be commenced in 1966 - 159 houses
46 flats

Number on Housing Waiting List (December) ... 315

Caerau - 81

Nantyffyllon - 56

East Ward - 73

West Ward - 85

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS

9 Official Representations were made by the Department in respect of 9 properties, under Section 16, 3 under Section 17, 2 under Section 17(1) and 1 under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957, as they were considered to be unfit for human habitation.

DISINFESTATION

Both Council and private dwellings were disinfested during the year. D.D.T. and Gammexane in various forms were used for the purpose. The following table gives the number of houses treated during the year.

Council houses (bug infestation)	...	1
Private dwellings " "	...	5
Council houses (cockroach " "	...	7
Private dwellings " "	...	52
Council houses (ant " "	...	20
Private dwellings " "	...	20
Private dwellings (flies " "	...	2

Insecticide in various forms is given, in some cases, to house-holders, with instructions as to its proper use. A record is kept at the Department of the nature of infestation and address.

STATUTORY NOTICES SERVED

During the year, 57 Abatement Notices under Section 93, Public Health Act, 1936, were served.

1 Notice under Section 138, Public Health Act, 1936, and Section 30, Water Act, 1945, as amended by Section 78, Public Health Act, 1961, was served to provide a dwelling with a sufficient supply of water for domestic and sanitary purposes of the occupants.

4 Notices were served under Section 58 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as amended by Public Health Act, 1961, in respect of dangerous structures.

9 Notices of Time and Place under the Housing Act, 1957, were served in respect of 9 properties.

1 Notice was served under Section 18 of the Public Health Act, 1961, in respect of repairs to drain or private sewer.

2 Notices were served under Section 25 (2), Public Health Act, 1961, in respect of emergency measures to deal with dangerous buildings.

2 Notices were served under Section 27 (1), Public Health Act, 1961, in respect of ruinous or dilapidated buildings.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

Arising from the Abatement Notices served, court proceedings were instituted against property owners for failure to abate nuisances arising from structural and sanitary defects, in respect of 15 properties. Court Orders were made for the repairs to be carried out in respect of 7 properties. A fine was imposed in respect of one property upon disregard of Court Order.

RENT ACT, 1957

During the year, 2 applications were received from tenants for Certificates of Disrepair.

There were no Certificates of Disrepair granted in 1965.

1 application was received from a landlord for the Cancellation of a Certificate of Disrepair.

1 objection to the Cancellation of the Certificate of Disrepair was received from a tenant.

PROBLEM FAMILIES

Occasionally during the year, several families with domestic problems were againreferred to the Welfare Services Department of Bridgend by my self and the Health Department Staff. These were, in the main, cases of people who came to enquire at the Office for accommodation, following notices to quit being given. The Office of the Welfare Services Department is situated at Quarella Road, Bridgend and the telephone number is Bridgend 3534 (dialling code 9)

HEALTH EDUCATION

Posters continue to be displayed on Council and other premises, drawing the attention of the public to litter. Posters have also been displayed on the connection between smoking and cancer of the lung. Throughout the year, from time to time, various posters are distributed to restaurants and cafes in the area, calling attention to the safeguards necessary in order to avoid food poisoning. The co-operation of the local press is acknowledged in publicising the views of the Department in these matters.

W A T E R

During the year 41 samples of water were submitted for analysis to the County Laboratory. The samples are listed below :-

<u>Taken from.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u> <u>Examination.</u>	<u>Chemical Analysis</u>
Tap, Neath Road	21.1.65.	Satisfactory	-
Tap, Town Hall	21.1.65.	"	-
Tap, Abbatoir	18.2.65.	"	-
Tap, Llynfi Road	18.2.65.	"	-
Tap, Union Street	18.2.65.	"	-
Tap, Caerau Road	30.3.65.	"	-
Tap, Bridgend Road	30.3.65.	"	-
Tap, Neath Road	30.3.65.	"	-
Tap, Wesley Street	22.4.65.	"	-
Tap, Bridgend Road	22.4.65.	"	-
Tap, Duffryn Madog	22.4.65.	"	-
Spring, Ffos Farm	20.5.65.	-	Satisfactory
Tap, Brynglas Terrace	20.5.65.	Satisfactory	-
Tap, Exchange Street	20.5.65.	"	-
Tap, Castle Street	20.5.65.	"	-
Polythen Pipe, Ffos Farm	20.5.65.	"	-

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 CHICAGO, ILL. 60637

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<u>Taken from.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Bacteriological Examination.</u>	<u>Chemical Analysis</u>
Swimming Pool, Garth	21.6.65	Satisfactory	The physical characters of the samples were satisfactory.
Tap, Bridgend Road	21.6.65.	"	-
Tap, Neath Road	21.6.65.	"	-
Tap, Caerau Road	21.6.65.	"	-
Mountain Spring, Brynlllyfrith Farm	8.7.65.	-	Satisfactory
Tap, Town Hall	8.7.65.	Satisfactory	-
Swimming Pool, Maesteg	8.7.65.	"	The physical characters of the samples were satisfactory.
Spring, Brynlllyfrith Farm	8.7.65.	Unsatisfactory	-
Tap, Neath Road	8.7.65.	Satisfactory	-
Tap, Coegnant Colliery Canteen	8.7.65.	"	-
Tap, Caerau Road	26.8.65.	"	-
Tap, Town Hall	26.8.65.	"	-
Tap, Caerau Colliery Canteen	28.9.65.	"	-
Tap, Neath Road	28.9.65.	"	-
Tap, Bridgend Road	28.9.65.	"	-

<u>Taken from.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Bacteriological Examination.</u>	<u>Chemical Analysis</u>
Tap, Market Place	19.10.65.	Satisfactory	-
Tap, Bridgend Road	19.10.65.	"	-
Tap, Neath Road	19.10.65.	"	-
Tap, High Street	23.11.65.	"	-
Tap, Bridgend Road	23.11.65.	"	-
Tap, Neath Road	23.11.65.	"	-
Tap, Tonna Road	23.11.65.	"	-
Tap, Town Hall	14.12.65.	"	-
Tap, Neath Road	14.12.65.	"	-
Tap, Grove Street	14.12.65.	"	-

SWIMMING POOLS

The two swimming pools in the district are at Maesteg and Garth. The source of the water is the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board at Maesteg and the 'Cerdin' part of the river at Garth. The water is drained annually before the season commences. Treatment is by pressure filtration and chlorination. Water turn-over takes six hours.

Maesteg pool is 45 yards x 15 yards with a maximum depth of 8'6" and its capacity is 175,000 gallons. During the year, 34,086 members of the general public used the pool, and 3,588 school children, in addition. Garth pool is 30 yards x 12 yards with a maximum depth of 6' and its capacity is 86,000 gallons. During the year, 11,993 members of the general public used the pool, and 2,465 school children in addition (for both pools, the latter figure refers to school classes). Both pools have a life belt and emergency pole. The environs of the Garth Pool are inadequate in area. Both pools have foot baths and cubicles are provided for changing. At Maesteg, clothing, etc., is kept in baskets and these are sprayed periodically with an insecticide.

Water samples from both pools were examined by the Health Department for pH value and chlorine content. The general results of sampling from the swimming pools were more satisfactory than in previous years.

RAINFALL - 1965

MONTH	MERTHYR MAWR	BRIDGEND (Trenains)	SCHWYLL	LLANHARAN	ST. ATHAN	PWLLWY	MAESTEG	NANTYMOEL	PONTY- CYMMER
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
January	5.16	5.76	4.46	6.65	4.45	5.77	9.64	12.36	11.31
February	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.10	0.04	0.12	0.16	0.37	0.05
March	3.31	3.26	3.34	3.59	2.77	3.97	5.02	4.65	5.48
April	2.37	2.95	2.52	3.76	1.48	3.08	6.10	6.31	5.72
May	3.61	2.97	3.27	2.92	1.97	2.81	4.68	6.44	5.42
June	4.55	4.21	3.90	5.23	4.19	4.98	7.43	8.96	8.25
July	4.97	4.92	4.82	6.72	8.57	5.75	10.12	11.53	11.93
August	2.98	2.89	2.58	3.34	2.32	3.30	4.48	6.24	5.20
September	4.01	3.82	3.87	4.37	3.14	3.91	6.49	6.61	6.39
October	1.24	1.08	1.16	1.62	0.40	1.14	2.22	3.27	3.01
November	4.49	4.36	4.04	5.10	3.80	4.05	5.12	7.07	6.44
December	11.12	11.20	10.81	13.32	8.88	11.58	18.27	29.28	24.43
TOTALS	47.88	47.49	44.83	56.72	42.01	50.46	79.73	103.09	93.63
Long Term Average	45.58	N/A	41.53	49.97	N/A	44.97	70.05	86.51	81.21
Percentage of Long Term Average		-	108%	113%	-	112%	114%	119%	115%

N/A = Not Available
 %ages = to nearest round figure

RAINFALL FOR 34 YEARS PREVIOUS TO 1965

YEAR	MERTHYR MAWR	BRIDGEND	SCHWYLL	LLANHARAN	ST. ATHAN	PWLLWY	MAESTEG	NANTY- MOEL	PONTY- CYMR
1931	46.38	44.67	-	49.89	-	-	74.67	85.10	83.87
1932	45.93	43.70	-	50.12	-	-	62.81	80.06	80.54
1933	33.31	31.67	26.43	33.07	28.81	-	48.81	58.81	57.51
1934	42.20	38.18	35.94	46.91	28.79	-	69.26	78.26	78.69
1935	45.65	45.03	40.65	50.08	32.68	-	73.26	81.30	80.67
1936	45.74	41.56	37.90	47.22	N/R	-	58.07	71.24	75.14
1937	39.53	33.25	39.65	42.71	31.18	-	49.18	67.83	67.51
1938	46.41	43.89	N/R	50.19	N/R	-	67.54	71.00	86.85
1939	50.31	50.69	40.12	58.16	36.44	-	76.33	91.84	86.14
1940	45.56	45.27	37.83	47.94	37.14	-	63.42	82.71	71.94
1941	41.51	38.86	34.76	41.34	35.05	-	51.47	72.59	63.80
1942	41.92	42.11	36.22	47.38	30.49	-	65.69	88.87	77.32
1943	43.07	42.62	39.74	48.20	34.96	-	70.99	90.85	75.44
1944	51.02	48.76	45.60	58.78	38.64	-	69.45	96.52	87.47
1945	45.13	46.19	41.16	50.01	38.16	-	66.53	89.54	85.27
1946	50.80	49.56	44.49	56.55	47.85	-	87.89	112.52	101.72
1947	41.49	37.65	34.25	42.44	34.36	-	55.56	74.19	65.08
1948	52.77	50.86	45.59	59.77	46.49	-	85.24	104.96	93.82
1949	41.48	43.28	38.82	48.72	38.98	-	65.99	79.21	74.52
1950	53.58	54.99	48.72	62.44	53.14	53.77	89.98	109.26	95.24
1951	49.98	48.45	46.69	56.92	37.43	48.18	81.88	98.02	87.39
1952	43.83	44.94	47.52	51.26	42.93	45.54	68.22	80.84	74.14
1953	41.05	41.93	39.59	48.81	30.50	43.94	68.64	80.69	76.11
1954	58.95	52.64	56.76	70.07	46.05	60.73	105.42	131.63	123.59
1955	40.66	35.40	37.65	45.59	32.82	41.10	64.03	80.14	74.97
1956	40.91	39.03	38.47	44.19	30.65	42.04	62.51	74.45	72.97
1957	42.60	40.61	41.20	49.98	33.47	44.61	79.35	100.51	88.14
1958	51.36	47.98	48.60	60.51	38.70	54.87	86.19	104.76	95.19
1959	46.83	41.82	41.90	50.96	35.65	47.44	71.85	94.77	81.24
1960	57.22	52.46	56.38	66.09	51.29	64.97	91.24	109.21	101.49
1961	43.79	40.46	41.36	50.59	35.63	47.34	71.62	94.15	83.35
1962	36.27	35.31	33.80	44.93	30.05	38.81	63.43	82.28	75.31
1963	41.87	40.21	35.75	46.84	38.38	43.71	60.12	83.13	77.43
1964	38.95	35.18	32.70	51.11	31.36	36.51	60.81	78.50	72.23

PREVENTION OF DAMAGES BY PESTS ACT, 1949
RODENT CONTROL ACTIVITIES

During the year 1965 two complete maintenance treatments of the Council's Sewers were carried out.

The following table gives the state of infestation in the Area for 12 months - January/December, 1965:-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwellings (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Totals of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	(5) Agriculture
I. Number of properties in the area	26	6,077	767	6,870	24
II. Number of properties inspected, by					
(a) Notification	2	206	31	239	-
(b) Survey under the Act	26	361	-	387	-
(c) Otherwise	-	-	-	-	-
III. Total inspections and re-inspections	-	-	-	-	-
IV. Properties (in Sect. II) infested by					
(a) Rats ...	-	-	-	-	-
(Major)	4	32	-	36	-
(Minor)	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Mice ...	-	6	-	6	-
(Major)	-	-	-	-	-
(Minor)	-	-	-	-	-
V. Infested Properties (in Sect. IV) treated by Local Authority	6	235	31	272	-
VI. Total treatments carried out, including re-treatments	-	-	-	-	-

OLD METAL & MARINE STORES
PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, AMENDMENT ACT, 1907, SECTION 86

There were no persons registered under the Act during 1965.

OFFENSIVE TRADES - PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936,
SECTION 107

No one was granted a renewal of consent to establish an offensive trade, during the year.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958
SLAUGHTERING

During the year, nine licences to slaughter animals were granted in the area. The provisions of the Act relating to humane slaughtering, were carried out.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955
SLAUGHTERHOUSE

There was one licence granted during the year for the keeping of premises as a Slaughterhouse, at the rear of No. 263 Bridgend Road, Maesteg.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The act stipulates that a person shall not keep a pet shop unless licensed by the local authority in whose area it is situated. The one pet shop in the area - that of the inside market hall - was licensed during the year.

SUPERVISION OF MILK DISTRIBUTION
THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

During the year, 36 samples of heat-treated, pasteurised, homogenised and tuberculin tested milk, were submitted to the laboratory for bacteriological examination. All were found to be satisfactory.

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SLAUGHTERHOUSE

During the year, all animals slaughtered in the area for human consumption have been inspected, but not without great inconvenience to the inspector who has been involved in considerable evening and weekend work.

I am of the opinion that the appropriate Ministry should give early consideration to the amendment of the Regulations with a view to instituting some statutory control on the hours of Slaughtering.

SUMMARY OF THE MEAT & OTHER FOODS
CONDEMNED IN THE YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1965
Maesteg Urban District

<u>Description</u>	<u>Reason for Condemnation</u>	<u>Approximate Weight (lbs)</u>
168 Bovine Livers	Bacterial & Parasitic Diseases	1,772
76 Bovine Lungs	" " "	580
552 Sheep Plucks	" " "	1,476
12 Pigs Livers	" " "	37
1 Bovine Heart	" " "	4
4 Sheep Carcases	Parasitic Disease & Emaciation	102
2 Sheep Carcases	Extensive Bruising	80
Beef	Bruised - Casualty	70
Imported Beef	Muscular Degeneration	91
Beef	Decomposition	90
Beef	Sour	17
Pork Trimmings	Sour	224
Pork	Decomposition	150
Lamb	"	1
Bacon	"	1
18 Chickens	"	80
Frozen Rabbits	Discolouration & Decomposition	30
Total ...		4,805

Other Foods :-

Canned Meat	Blown and Damaged	598
Canned Fruit & Veg.	" "	312
Canned Fish	" "	17
Canned Milk	" "	19
Canned Cream	" "	2
Canned Soups	" "	9
Canned Fruit Juice	" "	2
Canned Rice	" "	2
Canned Macaroni	" "	3
Canned Syrup	" "	1
Frozen Foods	Refridgerator broke down	45
Cheese	Mould	79
Cheese	Rancid	6
Butter	"	6
Total ...		1,101

CARCASSES & OFFAL INSPECTED & CONDEMNED IN
WHOLE OR PART
Maesteg Urban District

	Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	945	5	4,779	1,461	-
Number inspected	945	5	4,779	1,461	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis &</u> <u>Cysticerci :</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned ...	-	-	6	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	202	-	552	12	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ...	21.4	-	11.5	.8	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only :</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis :</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-

ICE-CREAM
THE FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955
ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC) REGULATIONS
1947 TO 1959

No shop premises were registered during the year for the sale of ice-cream. Samples of ice-cream submitted to the laboratory for bacteriological examination and chemical analysis were found to be satisfactory.

At the end of the year 1965, 97 business premises were on the Department's Register as registered under the Act for the sale of ice-cream and 6 business premises for the manufacture and sale of ice-cream. The Heat Treatment Regulations were complied with locally by all manufactures.

Some proprietary brand ice-cream is included in the samples submitted, in addition to that manufactured locally.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

The County Council is the Food & Drugs Authority for eighteen of the twenty-four County Districts included in which is Maesteg U.D.C. Samples of a wide range of food and drugs were taken in the Maesteg Urban District during the year 1965 and analysed by the County Analyst at the County Laboratory.

Dr. Coles, the County Analyst, reported that, owing to the increased amount of legislation, the examination of each sample obtained involves more intricate and time-consuming analyses than in the past. This trend is bound to continue because of the exceptional amount of proposed legislature which will probably come into force in the near future. During the past ten years, there have been considerable changes in food and drug control. Crude adulteration is not now encountered, but problems of a more complex nature are being dealt with, such as pesticide and antibiotic residue in food, radio-active 'fall out', chemicals added to food for technological reasons and countless new drugs, which all demand the most serious attention of the analyst and his staff.

SEWAGE WORKS

The Maesteg Sewage Works has now been operating for twelve years. Approximately two million gallons of sewage is treated daily. The service is efficient and adequate.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

During 1965 refuse was collected daily throughout the area. From time to time, leaflets warning occupiers of possible prosecution are distributed to houses and streets where refuse is known to have been dumped in river banks, lanes, rivers and pools, etc; a record of these leaflets is kept at the Health Department.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1965 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT

OF MAESTEG IN THE COUNTY OF GLAMORGAN

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

1. - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health (including
Inspections made by Public Health Inspectors) :-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of	
			Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	5	8	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	24	21	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworker's premises)	5	-	-	-
Total ...	34	29	-	-

2. - Cases in which Defects were found :-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (5)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)			
Overcrowding (S.2.)			
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)			
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)			
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.).....				
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.) :-				
(a) Insufficient			
(b) Unsuitable or Defective			
(c) Not separate for sexes			
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)				
Total			

"NIL"

3. - OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134) :-

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of Cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecut- ions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing (Making etc Apparel { Cleaning { and { Washing	1 -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -

Medical Officer of Health

(A) REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTION

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
1.	2.	3.	4.
Offices	-	32	26
Retail Shops	5	113	85
Wholesale shops, Warehouses	1	2	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	13	10
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
Totals	7	160	121
TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES UNDER THE ACT			245

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Contraventions in respect of:	Found
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Sec.4. Cleanliness	1
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Sec.5. Overcrowding	1
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Sec.6. Temperature	110
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Sec.7. Ventilation	8
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Sec.8. Lighting	13
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Sec.9. Sanitary Conveniences	58
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Sec.10. Washing Facilities	51
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Sec.11. Supply of drinking water	2
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Sec.12. Accommoda- tion for clothing	-
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Sec.13. Sitting Facilities	3
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Contraventions in respect of:	Found
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Sec.14. Seats for sedentary workers	-
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Sec.15. Eating facilities	-
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Sec.16. Floors, passages, stairs	76
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Sec.17. Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	1
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Sec.18. Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
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Sec.19. Training of persons working at dangerous machinery	-
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Sec.23. Prohibition of heavy work	-
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Sec.24. First Aid- General Provisions	75
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TOTAL	399
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Running water

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the year

Section of Act or title of order of regulations	Number of persons or companies prosecuted	Number of informations laid	Number of informations leading to a conviction
1.	2.	3.	4.

[illegible]

Number of interim orders granted	Nil
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1. Number of inspectors appointed under
Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act

2

2. Number of other staff employed for most of
their time on work in connection with the Act

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(F) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Number Reported		Total Number investigated	Action Recommended			
	Fatal	Non-Fatal		Prose- cution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	No Action
Offices							
Retail Shops	7		7				7
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses							
Catering establishments open to public, canteens							
Fuel Storage Depots							
TOTALS	7		7				7

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The Medical Officer of Health's report for 1915 contained an estimated population of 26,138 although he thought this was probably an under estimation, in face of the fact that many individuals from other parts of Wales and elsewhere, came to seek and find employment in the district. It was suggested that Cwmfelin could with advantage be linked up with Maesteg area. The birth rate was high at 32.3 per thousand of the population compared with a National rate of 21.8 per thousand.

The 'Notification of Births Act, 1907' was on September 1st, 1915, made compulsory on all local authorities. The importance of notification is that it allows early follow up of newly born infants by a Health Visitor. Unfortunately, in Maesteg District, a suitably qualified Health Visitor was not available until January 1st, 1916.

The death rate of 16.4 per thousand population was high compared with the National rate of 14.8 per thousand population. An infant death rate of 140.1 per thousand live births was exceedingly high, that of England and Wales for the same period was 110 per thousand live births. The Medical Officer anticipated that, under the guiding influence of Health Visitors, there would be a diminution in this death rate.

The year had an excessive number of notifications of infectious disease, the majority of which were Scarlet Fever viz. 382 cases. There was a continuous epidemic of this disease throughout the whole year and at all periods the accommodation at the Isolation Hospital was limited, on more than one occasion patients were refused admission for want of empty beds.

During the year 34 houses were erected. Houses were scarce within the District.

The new Council Offices situated in Talbot Street, were completed and opened in November, 1915.

The Medical Officer made apologies for a delay in submitting his report which was also considerably curtailed owing to pressure of work.

	1915	1965
Population	26,138	21,510
Density	3.89	3.22
Births (Birth Rate/1,000 Population)	842 (32.32)	371 (17.25)
Deaths (Death Rate/1,000 Population)	420 (15.30)	258 (11.99)
Excess Births over Deaths ...	422	113
Infant Deaths (Rate/1,000 live births)	118 (140.1)	5 (13.48)
Neonatal Deaths (Rate/1,000 live births)	48 (50.6)	4 (10.78)
Early Neonatal Deaths (Rate/1,000 live Births)	19 (22.6)	3 (8.09)
Maternal Mortality	3	0
Deaths from Tuberculosis (Rate/1,000 Population)	125 (1.07)	1 (0.05)
Deaths from Cancer (Rate/1,000 population)	19 (0.73)	49 (2.28)
Accidents (Rate/1,000 population)	15 (0.57)	5 (0.23)
Average Number of Persons / House at Census	1911 - 5.29	1961 - 3.46

